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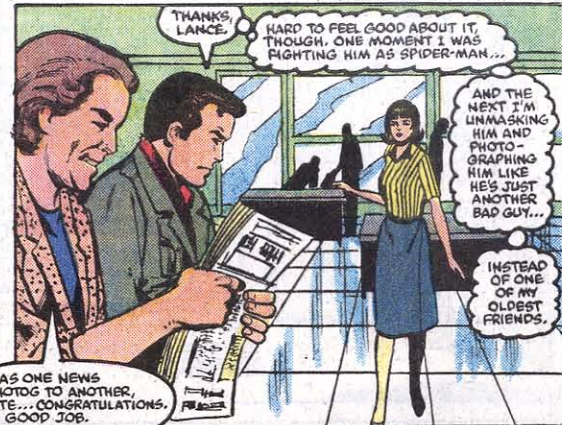
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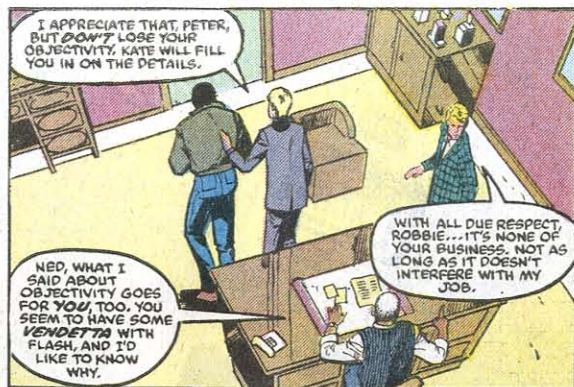
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HE BECAME INSANELY JEALOUS REGARDING ME AND HIS GIRLFRIEND SHA SHAN. AND THEN, ALL OF A SUDDEN, HE TURNED *HUMAN* AGAIN. ACTED LIKE MY PAL... EVEN CONVINCED ME THAT HE HAD ALWAYS HAD MY BEST INTERESTS AT HEART, EVEN WHEN HE MADE LIFE MISERABLE FOR ME IN HIGH SCHOOL.

AND I, LIKE A SAP, BOUGHT IT. BUT HE WAS SO CONVINCING. THEN AGAIN, PSYCHOPATHS USUALLY ARE.

SO, IF HE IS THE HOBGOBLIN--WHICH LOOKS LIKELY--THEN I DON'T OWE HIM ANYTHING, EXCEPT MAYBE A PUNCH IN THE MOUTH.

BUT I KEEP WONDERING, WHAT IF IT'S A SETUP? IF IT IS, THEN HOBGOBLIN'S RUNNING LOOSE AND I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HELP. SO EITHER I HELP FLASH, WHO MAY BE A MAJOR ENEMY OF MINE...

OR I STAY OUT OF IT AND LET FLASH ROT IN JAIL, AND PRAY I'M NOT MAKING A MISTAKE.

ARE YOU PETER PARKER?

WOW! WHAT A KNOCKOUT! I'LL BE ANYONE SHE WANTS ME TO BE.

YES.

I'M SHARON BANKS, FLASH'S ATTORNEY.

MY PLEASURE, MISS BANKS.

CALL ME SHARON.

OKAY, YOU, UHM, DON'T LOOK LIKE YOUR STANDARD PUBLIC DEFENDER, SHARON.

HMMM. THAT COP...

GOOD EYE. MY FIRM DOES PRO BONO AND LEGAL AID WORK SOMETIMES. THIS IS MY STINT, AND BOY DID I DRAW A WINNER.

THAT COP SET OFF MY SPIDER-SENSE. I WONDER WHY. MAYBE IT'S HIS GUN.

SURE. THAT'S PROBABLY IT.

SOON, IN AN INTERROGATION ROOM...

SO IS FLASH GOING TO PLEAD INNOCENT OR WHAT?

HE'S INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY, PETER, OR DIDN'T THEY TEACH THAT TO YOU AND FLASH IN SCHOOL?

FRANKLY, WE HAVEN'T DECIDED. BUT IF FLASH MAINTAINS HIS INNOCENCE, HE'LL NEED THE SUPPORT OF ALL HIS FRIENDS.

THAT COP SET OFF MY SPIDER-SENSE. I WONDER WHY. MAYBE IT'S HIS GUN.

FRIENDS? HOW CAN I CALL SOMEONE WHO I THINK MAY HAVE TRIED TO BLOW ME TO BITS A FRIEND?

FRIENDSHIP STARTS WITH TRUST. I CAN'T TRUST FLASH. HOW CAN I HELP HIM? DO I WANT TO?

WHAT IF HE IS THE HOBGOBLIN, BUT ISN'T RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS ACTIONS? LIKE HIS PREDECESSOR, THE GREEN GOBLIN. THEN DOESN'T HE DESERVE MY AID?

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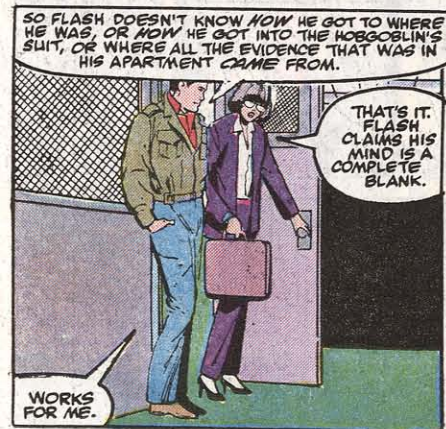
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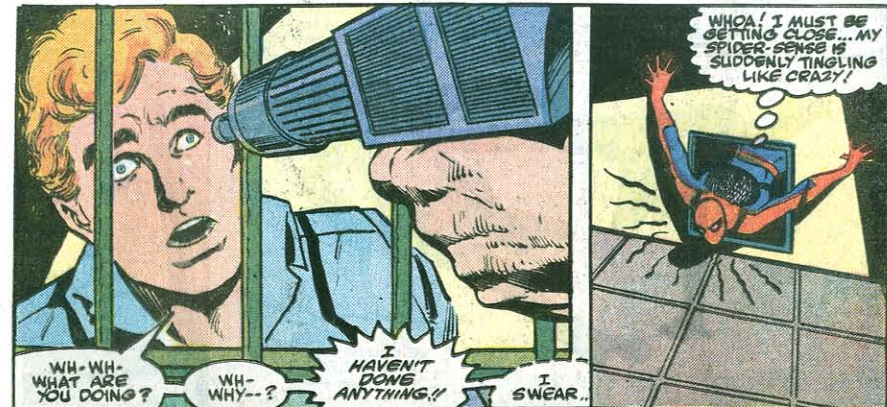
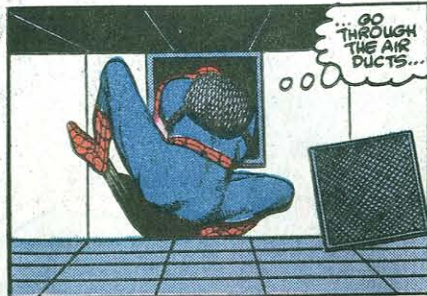
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ATTENTION ALL OF YOU MEN! I AM THE SCOURGE OF THE UNDERWORLD!

NO DOUBT YOU HAVE HEARD OF ME...

...AND OF WHAT I DO TO YOUR KIND.

NOW BEGONE, QUICKLY, OR I'LL DO IT TO YOU.



I'M GONE!

I'M OUTTA HERE!

I'M HISTORY!

WAIT UP!

HEH-HEH.



GET HIM!!

MOTHER!

UH-OH!



GUESS I'LL JUST LET THEM SETTLE THIS AMONG THEMSELVES.



WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?

YOU KNOW WHERE THEY CAME FROM. WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO PUT THEM ALL BACK!!

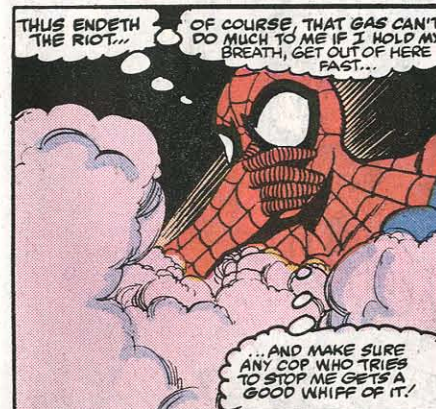


UH-OH... REINFORCEMENTS FOR THE GOOD GUYS... AND THEY BROUGHT TEAR GAS!



OKAY, EVERYONE! PUT UP YOUR HANDS!

AGHCK!!



THUS ENDETH THE RIOT...

OF COURSE, THAT GAS CAN'T DO MUCH TO ME IF I HOLD MY BREATH, GET OUT OF HERE FAST...

...AND MAKE SURE ANY COP WHO TRIES TO STOP ME GETS A GOOD WHIFF OF IT!



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Tom DeFalco ...

...has gotten very philosophical ever since he finished reading *Secret Wars II*. Apparently, being exposed to my keen insights into human nature, my observations on the relationship of man and god has changed him somehow. It wasn't so bad the first couple of weeks when he was just walking around with his hands folded, lost in existential pondering—but then he saw *Super Bowl XX*.

"I've got it," he announced as he arrived at work on Super Bowl Monday. "I, too, have keen insight into human nature, and I have devised a way to improve office morale as well as the quality of our work."

"Office morale's fine," said I, "and everybody's already doing the best he, she, or it can."

"Picture this," Tom continued, undaunted, "are you ready? Cheerleaders! What do you think? Huh?"

"You mean ... girls with pom-poms?"
"And guys with megaphones! No sexism here!"

"But ..."
"Think of it! For the inkers, they'd be shouting 'Hold that line!' For the letterers, it'd be 'Gimme an m! Gimme an a!'"

"Gimme a break!" I screamed. "Why don't you go lie down, Tom! The pressure of being Executive Editor is getting to you. You need rest. Or a shrink. Or something."

Crushed, Tom shambled away. I wondered if I'd been too rough on him.

But, then, later, I saw him delivering his latest script for *The Amazing Spider-Man* to editor Jim Shooter's office. He ran it into the room ...

...and he spiked it.

Good grief.

On Another Note ...

While out in Denver recently I happened to catch a performance by six of the most talented musicians I have ever seen—Bill Wesley, Wes Makey, Windfall Armour, Rob Chamberlin, Steve Espinoza, and Curtis Bushey. Together, they're ...

The Hit City Band

I understand that they'll have a syndicated TV show starting up in March called *Hit City*. Figures. Also, they'll be on the road soon, so watch for them in your town.

I never met these guys before, none of them are my relatives, and no, they don't have pictures of me in a *Compromising Situation*. I'm giving them this plug because they're just plain fantastic. When they make it big, remember, you heard about 'em here first.

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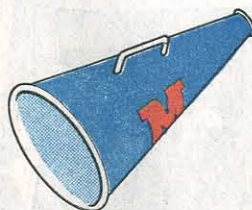
Eight exciting new titles will be launched this summer, four in July and four in August. Together, they form the foundation of the *New Universe*. Twenty-five years ago Stan Lee and several extremely talented artists brought forth the Marvel Universe. Now, in honor of the silver anniversary of their achievement, we're creating another Universe, unlike anything ever created before. You'll have to see it to believe it. Watch this space for more information.

Thanks ...

...for your support. Be well.

Jim Shooter

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Editor in Chief



CHECKLIST

- CLOAK AND DAGGER #7
- DAREDEVIL #232
- WEST COAST AVENGERS #10—On the trail of the missing Ben Grimm, with special guest star, the Thing!
- NEW MUTANTS #41
- SQUADRON SUPREME (Limited Series) #11
- WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #16
- CONAN THE KING #35
- ALPHA FLIGHT #36—With the Avengers!
- CAPTAIN AMERICA #319—More than a score of Marvel villains are wiped out when the Scourge comes to town!
- POWER PACK #24
- AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #277—Watch out! It's the Scourge!
- VISION AND SCARLET WITCH (Limited Series) #10—Guest-starring the Inhumans!
- FANTASTIC FOUR INDEX #8—The real scoop on what happened in issues #126-147!
- THE OFFICIAL HANDBOOK OF THE MARVEL UNIVERSE #8—"M's" the letter!
- AVENGERS #269
- CONAN THE BARBARIAN #194
- ETERNALS #10—With the Mighty Thor!
- G.I. JOE #49—The origin of the

- Cobra Emperor!
- INCREDIBLE HULK #321
- MARVEL TALES #189
- POWER MAN AND IRON FIST #124—Alone in the Ninja Compound!
- SOLOMON KANE (Limited Series) #8
- X-MEN #207
- MARVEL SAGA #8—Iron Man gets his golden armor and the FF are bankrupt, while the Angel tries out his wings!
- FANTASTIC FOUR #292—Versus Adolf Hitler!
- IRON MAN #208
- PETER PARKER, THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #116
- THOR #369
- TRANSFORMERS #10
- X-FACTOR #6—Revealed at last: The master of the evil mutants!
- SECTAURS #7
- MARVEL TEAM-UP INDEX #4—Spidey and his partners swing into action in issues #60-82!
- DOCTOR WHO #22
- STAR WARS #106

- MARVEL MAGAZINES
- MARVEL AGE #40
- MARVEL FANFARE #27—BILL MANTLO and TONY SALMONS bring you a Daredevil extravaganza!

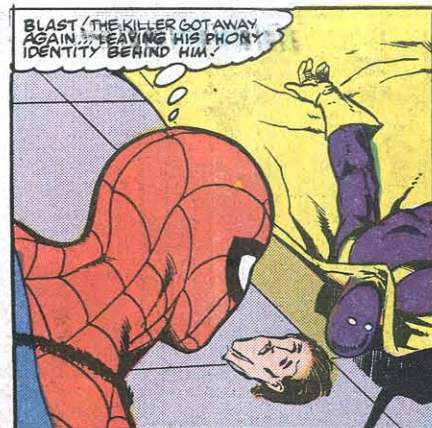
- SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN #125
- SAVAGE TALES #5—The only place to go for hard-hitting adventure!

EPIC COMICS

- ELQUEST #12
- SWORDS OF THE SWASH-BUCKLERS #7—Their only hope is Cap'n Kidd!
- THE ONE (Limited Series) #6—The One fights the Other for the control of the Human Race!
- GROO THE WANDERER #17
- BOZZ CHRONICLES (Limited Series) #3

STAR COMICS

- MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE #2—The Comet Warriors drop in on He-Man and Orko, but when the Meteor Legion arrives, things really get hot!
- PETER PARKER, THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #8—Featuring "Kimono My House or Pigs Over Tokyo!"
- EWOKS #8—Logray battles the evil witch Morag!
- MUPPET BABIES #8—Gonzo celebrates Camilla's birthday ... in Featherland!
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WHICH ITEM WAS THAT, ROSE?

ALMOST. WHAT A PITY. IF HE HAD DIED, I COULD HAVE MOVED ABOUT WITH A LOT OF FREEDOM...

...UNTIL PEOPLE REALIZED I WAS STILL AT LARGE.

PLAY BOY DAILY HOBGOBLIN

THAT A CERTAIN THORN WAS NEARLY PLUCKED FROM THE SIDE OF OUR CITY AUTHORITIES... AND OF SPIDER-MAN...

AND WHO MIGHT THAT HAVE BEEN?

DAILY BUG
HOBGOBLIN UNMASKED.

FLASH THOMPSON-- THE MAN CURRENTLY BELIEVED TO BE THE HOBGOBLIN-- WAS ALMOST MURDERED IN HIS CELL.

INTERESTING. AND TELL ME, WHAT MADE YOU LIGHT UPON THOMPSON AS YOUR CATSPAW IN THE FIRST PLACE?

WHY THOMPSON?

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A close-up of the character 'The Rat' with a speech bubble saying "WHY NOT?". The character has green skin, red eyes, and a wide, toothy grin. The background is a mix of orange and blue.

THE SPIDER'S WEB

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ASSISTANT EDITOR

VIEW FROM THE TENTH FLOOR

Thursday, December 19, 1985. Now, by the time this is printed this date will be ancient history. At press time, however, this day is being remembered as *The Day Of Doom*. With the Christmas rush upon us (printers take holidays, y'know), Adam and I were responsible for nudging several *Spide* products through production and off to press. Failure would mean this issue would arrive late. Since you're reading this, you know we made it, and all is well. But I just thought you should know how close to the line we were. We were real close.

Adam and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the most important of things: bull-tenners on our crack squad of experts. Under the unparalleled direction of Anita Duncan (Ms. Organization & Compensality 1985) and her Ace Assistant Phil Felder, this lone production raised its spine, overcame unrealistic deadlines, demanding editors, and even an Editor in Chief or two, and has come through every single time. Don't ask me how she does it. I have a feeling she's secretly The Beyonder, and I wouldn't want to give her away.

She's done a tremendous job and would all be lost without her. Especially on *The Day Of Doom*. So Adam and I would just like to say thanks to Boulder's Barbara Johnston, our covey Covey Production Artist.

See, Barbara? Who says nobody appreciates you? Come on by after work. Adam and I'll buy you a milk.

Jim Owsley

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Dear Web-Slingers,

ASM #274 was nothing short of terrific! Stan the Man himself would have been proud of this ish. If a man who commits a felony is a felon, then Tom DeFalco is an iron, because the irony in this story was too much for words! I mean, *Mephisto* battling in the cause of life? And with Spider-Man as his champion, to boot? Incredible! And of course, poor Peter's luck is so bad that here he was, a pawn in a cosmic game of chance with the fate of the Universe resting on his shoulders and he never even knew what the heck was going on!

It was also a great thrill to see the work of old-timer Jack Kirby credited in a Marvel mag. As a fan of his Golden-Age creation, *THE BLUE WHIZ*, I'm very glad to see that he's still in the business. Keep 'em flyin', Jack!

Before I go, I just wanna say it's been one heckuva quarter century with you guys, and here's to many more! Excelsior!

A.B. Hassar
(no address given)

—Scott M. Gimpie
139 Springridge Drive
Berkeley Hills, NJ 07922

Dear Spidey-People,
What can I say? ASM #275 was awesome. I've been waiting with baited breath for MONTHS for the return of Spidey's deadliness, my enemy, and I knew it was going to be one heck of

Howard Flier
23 Dunham's Corner
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- Wouldn't it be neat if Spider-Man met up with Shang-Chi one more time? It would be a classic rematch.

Michael Palmer
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